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SENIOR STAFF MEETING

AGENDA

Director's Conference Room  
Second Floor  
Administration Building

MONDAY, 7 MAY 1956

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New Building

*White*  
~~MR. DULLES~~

Participation by CIA Personnel in Interagency Meetings

MR. DULLES

*Mansfield Resolution*

*Kirk*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: Item for Agenda of Senior Staff  
Meeting, 7 May 1956

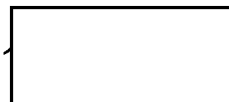
Recommend that you make substantially the following remarks:

"From time to time it is desirable to remind all those CIA personnel who participate in inter-agency meetings, of the necessity of sticking strictly to the role of Intelligence and of maintaining the highest order of objectivity. This is particularly true, for example, in such matters as bear upon the East-West trade problem, where it is most difficult for anyone to avoid taking sides as to what should be the policy decision.

"Furthermore it is important in all committee work for a CIA participant to avoid giving an indication that he feels that some other participant is biased.

"Please take advantage of any opportunities you may have to get this across to appropriate personnel under your supervision."

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1. COMMENTS OF TRAVELERS

Mr. Dulles invited those who had recently returned from temporary duty trips to the field to voice any observations they desired concerning their trip.

Mr. Carey indicated that he had been treated quite well by all Agency personnel with whom he had come in contact. He said that morale of Agency personnel in the field seemed to be quite high [REDACTED]

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Mr. Baird indicated that in his opinion, Americans in the Government overseas were generally not up to the standard desirable but that Agency personnel seemed to be an exception to this in each place he visited.

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[REDACTED] passed on the greetings of several State Department officials with whom he had visited during his recent trip. [REDACTED]

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2. NEW BUILDING

Col. White gave a report on recent happenings in connection with the new building. The Bureau of the Budget established extremely short deadlines for the Agency to present material required to request a supplemental appropriation from the Congress during this session. The material was presented and hearings were held within the deadlines established. Col. White also mentioned that the architects and Public Building Service, GSA, have indicated that the building needed cannot be constructed for the \$46 million authorized by the Congress. The funds required will be approximately \$56 million. Col. White pointed out that the original estimate of the Agency was \$55 million a year ago and that, since this time, there has been a 5.7 percent increase in construction costs. The Bureau of the Budget has authorized the Agency to explore with the Congressional Appropriations Committees the possibility of obtaining the \$56 million required. If we do not obtain this amount, it will be necessary to reduce the size of the Headquarters building [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and that it is necessary now to make an exhaustive study in order to ascertain what organizations would be left out of the building. He stated also that, in the event that it is necessary to settle on the smaller structure, the temporary buildings now occupied by Agency personnel would be given up and that, in his opinion, the remaining elements could be housed in the permanent structures now occupied by the Agency. He stated that it was probable that we should be ready to appear before the Appropriations Committee at any time after 15 May.

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3. PARTICIPATION BY CIA PERSONNEL IN INTERAGENCY MEETINGS

Mr. Dulles read a memorandum that is to be transmitted to Agency officials concerning the above subject. Agency personnel are requested to confine themselves to intelligence matters in discussions with representatives of other agencies and to avoid policy matters which are not our concern. It was pointed out that this had to do particularly with East-West trade problems and meetings held on this subject. Agency personnel have in the past tended to espouse causes of one sort or another in some of these discussions and this has aroused a certain amount of resentment on the part of representatives of other agencies. Agency personnel are asked to be sure of facts and to present them clearly, but not to indulge in debate on the policy issues involved.

4. THE MANSFIELD RESOLUTION

Mr. Kirkpatrick gave a short resume on the history of the Mansfield Resolution to establish a joint Congressional committee for the purpose of supervising CIA activities. While the resolution was soundly defeated (60-28), the Agency can expect that the matter will be presented before future sessions of the Congress. He pointed up that newspaper accounts appeared to imply that there was not Congressional supervision of Agency affairs, and that such is not the case. He also indicated that the question as to whether we will have a "watchdog" committee in the future probably depends upon how well we keep the presently established Congressional committees informed and that we should give full cooperation to such committees at all times.

5. SUBPOENA OF AGENCY PERSONNEL

Mr. Wisner suggested that it may be appropriate to discuss the action that should be taken by Agency personnel when they are tendered a subpoena.

Mr. Dulles indicated that Agency personnel should accept the subpoenas and indicate that they would be referred to the Director for whatever action was appropriate.

Mr. Houston pointed out that routine subpoenas concerning Agency personnel should be accepted and, generally, are referred to the Director of Personnel for handling. Only those involving substantive intelligence matters need to be referred to the DCI.

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